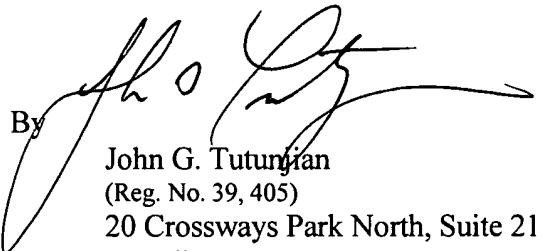


REMARKS

Applicant has, by this Preliminary Amendment, canceled claims 1-7 and 12, amended claim 8, and added new claims 13-15. Amendments made to the claims are not intended to be narrowing or motivated by statutory requirements for patentability. Instead the amendments have been made to improve readability and clarity and to conform to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests examination based on the amended claims as presented herein and the remaining originally presented claims. Claims 8-11 and 13-15 remain pending in this application.

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